

Removing the "established business relationship" qualification from the fax regulations is absolutely bad for business! The FCC would be forcing associations to obtain the written consent of their own members, clients and industry partners before transmitting any fax that could be interpreted as commercial in nature. Many associations do not have the manpower to handle this extra workload which will take them away from their core service. Numerous concerns about the new regulations remain, including exactly which transmissions the FCC would interpret as commercial in nature, whether written consent to a national association would extend to chapter or affiliate faxes, and whether a written consent form would expire with membership. Please do not hurt the associations with this ruling.